

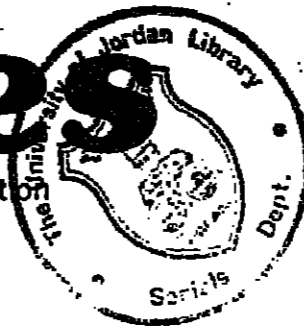
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Today's Weather

It will be fair, with northwesterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

	Overnight		Daytime	
	Low	High	Low	High
Amman	16	27	16	27
Aqaba	23	36	23	36
Deserts	17	31	17	31
Jordan Valley	23	36	23	36

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Cholera cases rise to 64

AMMAN, July 8 (Petra) — Another 37 cholera cases were reported today making the total number of cases so far in Jordan 64, the Ministry of Health has announced.

It said there were 21 cases in Amman, eight in Zarqa, two in Suweileh, two in the refugee camp of Baq'a and one case in each of Madaba, Ramtha, the Schoeller refugee camp and Ma'in. The ministry said there were no more deaths apart from the three announced on Monday.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran, accompanied by Health Minister Zuhair Malhas, visited the Public Security Directorate to look into measures taken to deal with the cholera situation. They met with the Director of the Public Security Maj. Gen. Mamoun Khalil and the Amman Governor Yahya Musilia, who briefed them on the steps taken to stop the spread of the disease and safeguard public safety.

The prime minister announced after the meeting that the government is placing all facilities at the disposal of the emergency committee to fight the epidemic and root out its sources as fast as possible.

Following the meeting the prime minister inspected work at the operation centre set up at the directorate. The centre is operational round the clock to deal with all emergencies. (Related story in page 2)

Noor gives Iftar to leading women



AMMAN, July 8 (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor today held an Iftar banquet at Al Hummar Palace. It was attended by the wives of the prime minister, the speaker of the Upper House of Parliament, the president of the National Consultative

Council, the commander in chief of the Jordanian armed forces, the court minister and the chief chamberlain. Also present were the wives of the cabinet members and heads of Arab and Muslim diplomatic missions.

Habib leaves Washington on third Mideast attempt

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The State Department refused to say what Mr. Habib's destination was. However, an American source in Israel had said earlier, that the envoy would go first to the Lebanese capital of Beirut after a day's stopover in Western Europe.

Mr. Habib's two previous shuttles in the Middle East, from May 6 to May 21 and June 5 to June 26, failed to get the Syrians to withdraw their missiles from Lebanon, but U.S. authorities held that he had succeeded in the main aim of his mission, namely to defuse tension in the region.

Both American and Israeli sources have denied that for this third trip Israeli Premier Menachem Begin has given Mr. Habib a fortnight to persuade the Syrians to pull out their missiles from the Bekaa Valley.

Mr. Habib met President Reagan at the White House before leaving. Meanwhile, there have been unconfirmed reports from some State Department sources that Mr. Habib might be named as the new ambassador in the Middle East with a brief to get stalled Israeli-Egyptian negotiations on Palestinian autonomy moving once more.

No decision would be expected before separately scheduled visits this summer to the United States by Mr. Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.



Philip Habib

Beirut optimistic

Meanwhile in Beirut, Lebanese officials appeared cautiously optimistic as they awaited word from Syria on whether a major obstacle had been cleared for working out a political settlement to six years of civil strife.

Damascus was pondering a Falangist document widely reported to contain promises to break off links with Israel.

The document has remained secret but a senior Lebanese official and Arab diplomat involved in peace moves said privately they were hopeful it would meet Syrian

demands for "closing the Israeli door."

Falangist militia commander Beshir Gemayel handed the document to President Elias Sarkis two days ago after Syria made it clear that further talks on a settlement depended on the Falangists renouncing their Israeli connection.

The failure to obtain such a pledge earlier has hampered the efforts of an Arab League committee striving to achieve a settlement.

Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Lebanon are members of the committee.

When it broke up last Sunday, the committee scheduled its next meeting for July 25. But one senior Lebanese figure familiar with the Falangist document said he believed it was now possible for the mediators to bring the session forward by one week.

"I would not predict an enthusiastic Syrian response to the document but it should persuade Damascus to keep talking," he told Reuters.

The official said one reason for the Falangists' decision may have been fear that Syria would otherwise resort to military action, as warned by Damascus newspaper Tishrin yesterday.

Begin seems set to be on saddle with religious parties' support

L AVIV, July 8 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin today appeared certain of conducting a coalition which would give him in power with a one-seat parliamentary majority, political reserves said.

Earlier reservations by Israel's religious parties about lining up with Mr. Begin's Likud bloc nearly all have been overcome, the reserves said.

Results of the general election 18 days ago left Likud with an unimpaired 48 seats in the 120-member Knesset (parliament).

Alliance with the 13 Knesset members belonging to religious groups would give Mr. Begin a 61-seat overall parliamentary majority.

Such a narrow margin would make the new government vulnerable to defeat by snap votes of support whenever coalition members fell sick or travelled abroad.

Mr. Begin met today with Aharon Abuhatzira, leader of newly-formed Tami Party which represents religious Israelis north African and Asian extension.

Abuhatzira, former minister of religious affairs who was earlier this year on coronation charges, said after the meeting that in principle he was ready to serve again under Mr. Begin.

of six Knesset seats, controlled the religious affairs ministry.

When asked about this Mr. Abuhatzira told reporters: "We see the religious affairs ministry as very important but another ministry is no less important."

A third religious group, the ultra-orthodox Aguda Israel Party, has provisionally pledged its four seats to the Begin coalition.

Aguda members, shun government office as too worldly.

Their conditions for joining Mr. Begin include demands for new laws to ban pork and to tighten up Sabbath observance.

enforced his image as a powerful leader. Mr. Begin gave no reasons for his decision to retire from politics. Commenting on the election results, Mr. Begin noted that in 1977 the Labour Party claimed that the Israeli public has made a mistake that was not a signal a new trend.

"Can we say that in 1981 the public has made an additional mistake?" he said. "The young generation voted for Likud after soldier's votes were counted we got 12 per cent more than the Labour."

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Soviet Syrian exercise

The Soviet fleet on manoeuvres in the Mediterranean has not so far landed marines in Syria, the Defence Department said in Washington today.

Officials said however a landing exercise was probably, because of the presence of Soviet landing craft loaded with several hundred marines.

The Soviet Union is said to have to present 46 ships in the Mediterranean, where the U.S. Navy has reported the presence of the Soviet aircraft carrier Moskva.

"We attach no special importance to what is going on," Defence Department spokesman Henry Catto said, adding that the U.S. Mediterranean fleet, which includes the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Forrestal, has not taken any special counter-measures.

U.S. military circles said that a Soviet-Syrian joint exercise would be nothing exceptional in the light of the friendship and cooperation treaty signed by the two countries last October.

Lest other issues be prejudiced

Carrington calls on Moscow to negotiate on Afghanistan

STRASBOURG, July 8 (R) — Efforts to reach agreement with the Soviet Union on other global issues will be prejudiced if Moscow refuses to negotiate on Afghanistan, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington said today.

"It is obvious that a Soviet refusal to negotiate on Afghanistan makes it impossible to speak of normal relations, and prejudices efforts to reach agreement with the Soviet Union on other matters," Lord Carrington said.

The foreign secretary, current president of the European Economic Community (EEC) Council of Ministers, was speaking two days after his return from talks in Moscow on a British-sponsored EEC plan for a nine-nation conference aimed at establishing a neutral Afghanistan.

The Kremlin described the plan as unrealistic but stopped short of rejecting it.

Lord Carrington told a press conference after his speech that he was determined to press ahead with the plan and would consider possible amendments to it at a meeting with EEC foreign ministers next Monday.

Asked what elements of the plan could not be changed, he said the proposal for two stages, with the first excluding the Afghan government and devoted to working out safeguards for Afghanistan's security as a non-aligned state, appeared very important.

"We could not accept, the presence of (Afghan leader) Babrak Karmal (at first stage) as the sole representative of the Afghan people," Lord Carrington said, adding that representatives of Afghan resistance movements would then be necessary too.

The exclusion of Afghan delegates from the first stage was one of the objections raised by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in labelling the proposal unrealistic.

British officials said yesterday that Lord Carrington hoped to continue discussions with Mr. Gromyko at the U.N. assembly in New York in September.

British officials said Lord Carrington viewed the Soviet presence in Afghanistan as the largest single obstacle to detente at present.

Kuwaiti military delegation leaves Moscow after talks

MOSCOW, July 8 (R) — A military delegation from Kuwait, which this year announced new arms purchases from the Soviet Union, left Moscow for home today after a 12-day visit for talks with Soviet officials, a Kuwaiti embassy spokesman said.

The group, headed by a colonel, were in Moscow to gather ideas and had not concluded any agreement, he said.

Western diplomats said it seemed likely the delegation examined the possibility of further arms deals, but the Kuwaiti embassy spokesman could give no details of the discussions.

According to the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies, the Kuwaiti armed forces are also equipped with Soviet-made SAM-6 and SAM-7 surface-to-air missiles.

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Reagan explains his silence on foreign policy

CHICAGO, July 8 (R) — President Ronald Reagan last night defended his refusal to follow tradition and make a speech explaining his foreign policy in the early months of his administration.

Apparently nettled by press criticism, Mr. Reagan said he knew what he was doing "and it might be counter-productive to make a speech about it."

His remarks, in an address to a Republican political dinner, were aimed at press reports expressing concern that he has not made such a speech and saying that while he is knowledgeable about domestic problems he is weak on foreign affairs.

In his Chicago speech, the president concentrated mainly on pushing his economic policies and attacking previous democratic administrations for their massive spending on social welfare programmes.

Stressing his deep commitment to the free enterprise system and his resolve to limit government intervention, the president said that the U.S. economy was withering and cited Poland as a disastrous example of government supremacy.

Brandt's Moscow talks won't make Bonn change stance on Euro-missiles

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Polish minister says Soviet Union bailed Poland out with \$4.5 billion

ANKARA, July 8 (R) — Poland's deputy foreign minister said today his country had received \$4.5 billion in aid from the Soviet Union since last summer's worker upheavals prompted economic and political reforms.

Prof. Marian Dobrosielski told a press conference: "We have received over \$4.5 billion (from Moscow) in merchandise, in hard currency and some of it as a grant."

He said the Soviet Union had agreed to postpone Polish debts "for several years," and had increased deliveries of essentials like oil, gas and cotton.

Answering a reporter's question about the possibility of Soviet military intervention in his country, the minister said no state which had helped Poland in its difficulties as much as Soviet Union could be planning such an intervention.

He added: "I don't envisage any possible Soviet intervention."

The Polish minister condemned what he called a campaign started in the West to suggest the Soviet Union would invade Poland. "Warnings of a Soviet military intervention contributed to sowing mistrust between us and our allies and destabilising the situation in Poland," he said.

The Polish minister, on a visit to Turkey to meet government officials, said he did not want to minimise the contribution to the easing of Poland's economic plight which has been made by Western states.

He said rescheduling of Western government-guaranteed debts already agreed and the postponing of \$2.7 billion of debts to Western banks now being negotiated would give Poland a breathing space.

French premier announces plans to nationalise major industries

PARIS, July 8 (R) — French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy said today his Socialist government planned to introduce legislation this month for nationalisation measures affecting 12 major industrial firms.

The 53-year-old premier made the announcement in an address to the National Assembly, where the Socialist Party has a clear overall majority, outlining the administration's policies for the next two years.

Among the companies listed by the premier, appointed by President Francois Mitterrand, were three which are partly foreign-owned.

These were ITT-France, a telecommunications giant which groups subsidiaries of the U.S. ITT company, the computer firm Eyel-Bull which is also partly American-owned, and the Chemin de Fer de l'Etat, which is controlled by the West German Deutsche Bundesbahn.

Mr. Mauroy, who has won a reputation as a moderate since becoming premier, said the government planned to take over five privately owned purely French companies.

These were in the chemical, aluminium, glass and electronic equipment fields. The two major steel companies in France, Sacilor and Usinor, which are already partly state-owned, would be taken over wholly, he said.

Plans to be nationalised, through a bill to be presented to the National Assembly in the autumn, would be the armaments sections of Matra company, and the Dassault Aviation concern, Mr. Mauroy told the 491-member parliamentary body.

A shopping list of takeovers contained no surprises and was identical to predictions made by Socialist Party officials during Mr. Mauroy's election campaign and in the run-up to the May assembly elections which ousted President Giscard d'Estaing.

In foreign affairs, Mr. Mauroy said France wanted to see a withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan and of "all foreign troops from Kampuchea—a reference to the Vietnamese forces there."

Arab village in Galilee

33 years of deep frozen development

By Awad Abdul Fattah

OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS, growing resentment has been building in the Galilee village of Kowkab as new settlements, two of which have already been completed and settled, are being set up around the village.

"Not only are the settlements built on land taken from us," says Abu Ghazi, a truck driver from Kowkab, "but the government provides them with many services they have denied us for 33 years." This discrepancy has clarified the extent of government discrimination against Arab villages inside the 1948 truce line for the Kowkab residents.

Kowkab, in the western part of the lower Galilee, was built on the top of a hill surrounded by other smaller hills. The village enjoys a spectacular view. But because it is set back from any main road, the problems of its 2,000 residents are not well known — even among other Palestinians in the Galilee.

led by young people, who have replaced the traditional village leadership represented by the heads of the families. Initially the old leadership distrusted these committees but later supported and appreciated their activities as they saw they were effective. There are still problems, however. "These committees," said Abu Ghazi, an electricity committee member, "have become incapable of facing the new circumstances. It is hard to manage new village problems because they don't have any legal power in the eyes of the central authorities."

Schooling

Kowkab has gone 33 years under Israeli rule without a high school. Village high school pupils still have to go to classes in the neighbouring village, Sakhnin. All the petitions and calls that have been sent to the Israeli education ministry over the last four years were ignored.

A considerable proportion of the existing elementary school children stay in rented rooms dispersed in different parts of the village. The school is not equipped with the basic teaching aids, laboratory or library, and has no heating system. The road leading to the school building is unpaved. Health services and public health inspection are inadequate. The existing Histadrut Health Fund (Kupat Holim) clinic, opened two years ago, is attended by doctors only three days a week. There is no pharmacy in the village and there are only limited types and quantities of medicine in the clinic. The nearest hospital is 40 kilometres away. People who get sick at night have to leave the village to get medical treatment.

The village has no sewage system nor organised garbage collection. Until recently sewage water was some parts of the village was diverted to public roads and lands, thus creating a breeding place for mosquitoes and disease. The mosquitoes are so bad in the summer that people find it difficult to sleep.

One bus

The roads going through the village are still unpaved and stony,

and transportation to and from the village is very difficult. There is only one bus a day to and from the village. Most travellers have to wait at Kowkab junction for half an hour to an hour to get rides from private car owners.

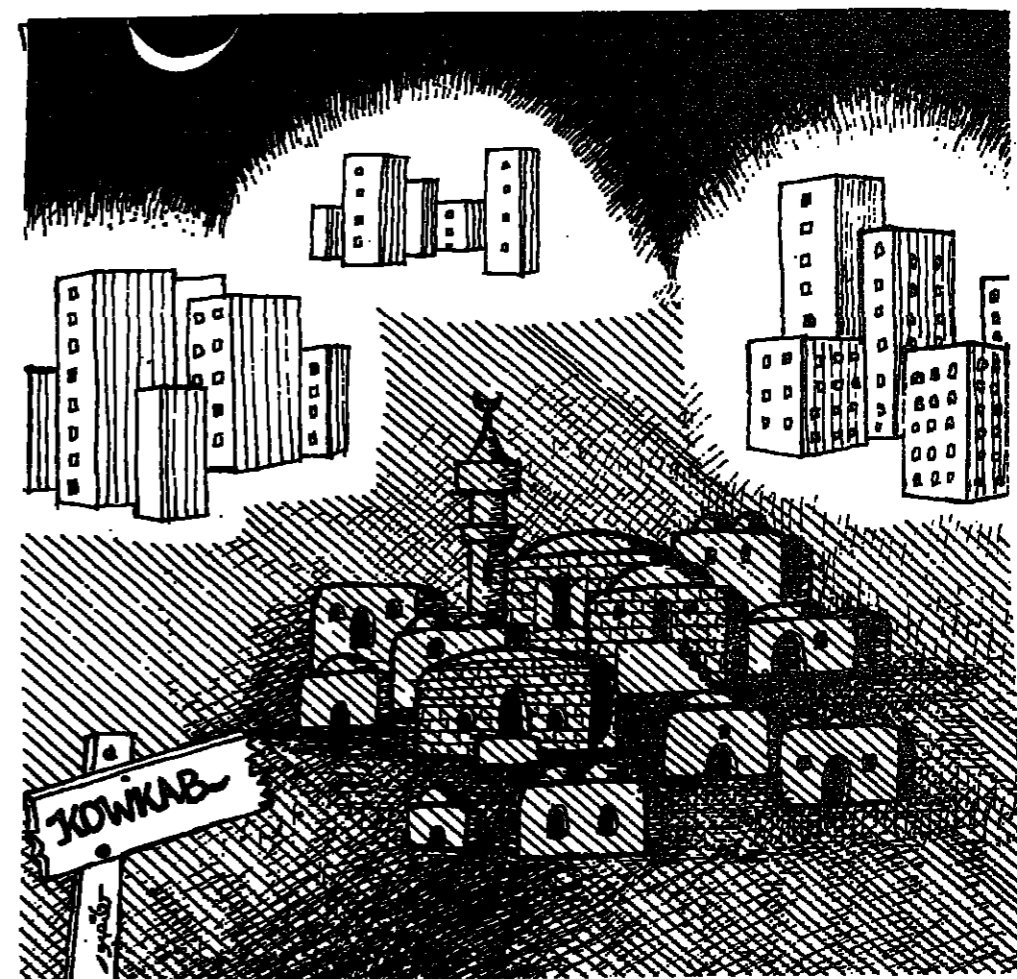
Any visitor casting a superficial comparative glance over Kowkab village and the surrounding Jewish settlements will immediately realise that discrimination is at work. Two of the three neighbouring settlements are completed. They, like every Jewish settlement in the Galilee, are provided with the infrastructure necessary to sustain modern conditions of living. They are connected to road, water and electricity networks in advance. In one, a diamond factory for Jewish settlement workers has been established. All this before the first settler arrived.

One of the settlers, a lawyer from the U.S. visited Kowkab twice and admitted that "it was a big mistake committed against the village of Kowkab." But he, who was moved to come to Palestine by Zionism, doesn't believe that he is living on Arab land that was expropriated from four Arab landowners. He does not oppose confiscation of lands, claiming that these lands are confiscated for public purposes. Arguing with him at a recent meeting, Mustafa Hussein, a university student, said: "If the expropriation of Arab land is done for public purposes, then should I understand that Arab villagers are not part of the public? Why do only Jewish immigrants, who didn't have any tie to this land, benefit from it, while I, the real owner, am deprived completely of the concessions enjoyed

by the settlers?"

Development

The area in which Kowkab is located, like most Arab villages in the Galilee, is officially a "development area." The Israeli government owns a wide range of concessions in taxation and land. Most of the Arab villages in the Galilee fall in the category of "development areas" which is classified as employment settlement. No village is entitled to the concessions which are of the government to Jewish settlers. The privilege is reserved exclusively for Jewish settlers. From Al Fajr, occ Jerusalem



Productive trend

WE ARE GLAD to hear of the decision by the Amman traffic committee to license several new private bus lines to operate among the main cities of the country. The successful operation of private buses between Amman and Damascus, Irbid and Aqaba, to mention the most important routes, is a valuable precedent in what we feel is a healthy trend towards allowing private companies to shoulder the responsibility for some of the basic infrastructural and social services that the government has heretofore assumed.

What started with the transport sector should spill over into other fields. It should not be unrealistic to envisage the day when telephone and telex services could be operated by a private concession working under guidelines and priorities from the government. It would also be useful to think about allowing a mixed private-public sector organisation to own and operate Petra, the Jordan News Agency.

The experience in the field of education is similarly positive. In the past five years, a series of private two-year community colleges has been established throughout Jordan, catering to the huge demand for higher education among our young people. The fact has been established that private sector groups can step in and provide basic social services of the same or even higher quality than what the public sector has provided on its own. A similar trend is now starting in the field of low- and medium-cost housing.

The logical outcome of such a trend is for the government to reduce its executive functions and play the role of regulator and watchdog. By reducing its executive burden, the government can correspondingly hire fewer civil servants at higher salaries, thereby also improving its own efficiency and overall productivity.

It is not surprising that Washington is mainly responsible for the continuation and deepening of the Palestinian people's tragedy, the ever-widening rift between the Arab countries and the United States and the obstacles to peace and stability in the region. Such a situation is not in the interests of the Palestinian people, the Arab and the international community.

Washington is mistaken if it thinks that by encouraging Israeli aggression, as in the case of the Israeli nuclear reactor, or its attempts to draw European Community into blessing the Camp David process, it can weaken the Arab countries and the United States and will deepen the Arab conviction that the United States is no longer competent to establish peace in the region.

Israeli rabbi group emerges as key power brokers

By Alan Elser

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM — Eighteen elderly rabbis who spend their days poring over holy texts and ancient Jewish tomes have emerged as key power brokers in the Israeli state.

Known as the Council of Torah Sages, these rabbis guide the thoughts of the four members of the ultra-orthodox Agudat Israel Party who won parliamentary seats in last week's Israeli election. As Rabbi Menachem Porush, one of the party's four Knesset (parliament) members, said in an interview with Reuters: "Nobody can form a government without us."

The council is expected to demand a high, but unworried, price for its cooperation in a new government under Prime Minister Menachem Begin. According to Rabbi Porush, it is likely to make its support for Mr. Begin conditional on three new laws, all of

them highly controversial. "First, we want to stop all Jews working on the Sabbath unless they are involved in defence of the country or life-saving. Second, we want to ban the sale of non-kosher meat in all Jewish areas. Third, we want a new definition of who is a Jew that excludes people converted by non-orthodox rabbis," he said.

The council itself is shrouded in mystery. Its proceedings are secret and the sages stay well clear of the public eye, leaving the four Agudat Israel Knesset members to represent their interests. Rabbi Porush said the council represented the "great Jewish leaders" of each successive generation. "They are neither elected nor appointed," he said. "Their greatness is obvious to all and they naturally find their places on the council. They stand out from common mortals like jewels from stones."

In fact, the 18 rabbis are all leaders of Yeshivas (advanced seminaries of Jewish learning). They

are regarded almost as saints by the estimated 150,000 citizens of Israel who live their lives strictly according to Torah beliefs.

The four Agudat Israel Knesset members have proved to be formidable politicians and are not underestimated by leaders of other parties. "Their demands may sound crazy but they go about achieving them in highly practical ways," said one Knesset member who did not want to be identified.

The movement is lukewarm towards Zionism and largely indifferent to foreign affairs and economic issues. It rejects the notion, held by the less orthodox National Religious Party, that Zionism is an integral part of Judaism. "We are not a nationalist movement, we are a people of the Torah (five books of Moses) movement," Rabbi Porush said. He added that before the foundation of the Israeli state in 1949, his party opposed the Zionist movement. "But once the state was founded and recognised by the nations of the world, it became absurd for us not

to recognise it and work within its limits towards our ideals and principles," he said.

Rabbi Porush admitted the party had achieved more in the past four years since Mr. Begin became prime minister than it had in the previous 29 years since Israel's creation. "Mr. Begin has a positive attitude towards religion. We look forward to four more years of fruitful cooperation with him," he said.

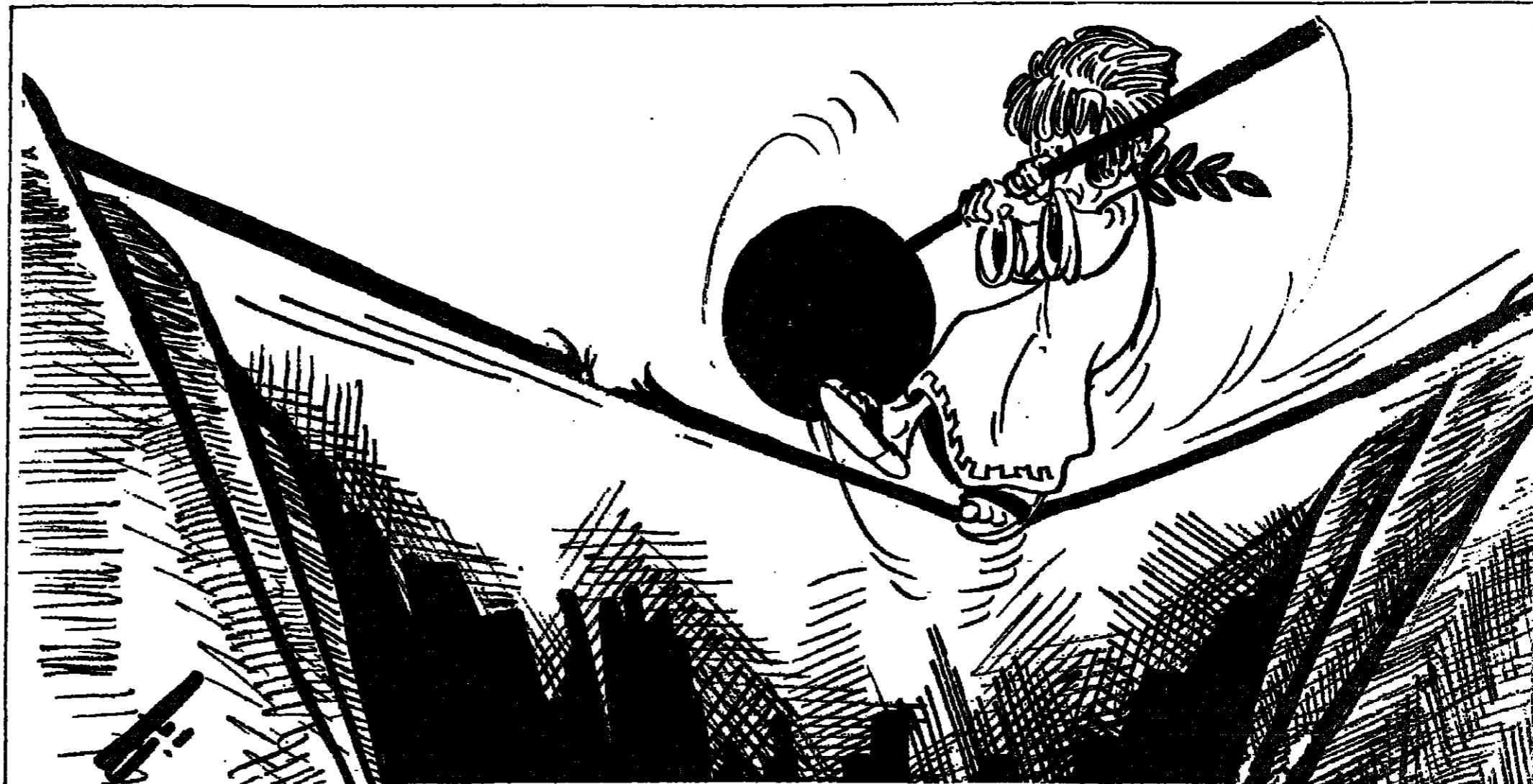
Agudat Israel's earlier demands created some of the worst crises the Begin government had to face. Its proposal to ban all abortions for social reasons met with fierce opposition and almost brought down the government. But the law went through. "The Torah teaches us that abortion is no better than murder unless the life of the mother is in danger. Thanks be to the Lord that we were able to reduce the number of murders of unborn children considerably," Rabbi Porush said.

Other achievements he cited

included a law banning post mortems if any member of the deceased's family objected and a regulation making it easier for religious girls to avoid serving in the Israeli army. Previously, religious girls had to go before a committee to receive an exemption from service. Now, they only have to declare they are religious and they are automatically exempted without any checking.

Perhaps the potentially divisive issue is Agudat demand to change the definition of who is a Jew. The major American Jews belong to the Conservative and Reform synagogues, regarded by Agudat Israel as heretical. If the Agudat proposal is accepted, people converted to Judaism by the agogues would still be regarded by the Israeli state, would not receive automatic citizenship if they emigrate here.

REUTERS



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ME THE MIDDLE EAST

Arab ministers to meet on PLO participation at IMF

RAIN, July 8 (R) — A Saudi Arab minister said today that Arab ministers would meet shortly to look at the possibility of securing observer status for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) at the next annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington.

Saudi finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Ali Abal Khalil, said the meeting would discuss the issue at a meeting in the next two months. He gave no details.

Begin asks for changes in Sinai force draft agreement

PIED JERUSALEM, July 8 (R) — Israeli Minister Menachem Begin today presented to U.S. officials several minor changes to the agreement on a multi-national force to police the Sinai withdrawal next April.

Iran sends S. Korean diplomats away

L, July 8 (R) — The Iranian government has ordered the South Korean embassy in Tehran to send its staff from 12 to seven, the Korean foreign ministry said today.

Reasons were given for the Iranian decision, a statement said. It described the move as regrettable but said that the staff would return to normal as soon as the Iranian decision was not expected to affect Korea's existing trade and economic cooperation with Iran, the statement said.

million contract with a Saudi-Dutch consortium to build a causeway linking Bahrain and Saudi Arabia (See Middle East Briefs).

The joint IMF-World Bank annual meeting is scheduled to take place in Washington in September.

For the past two years, Saudi Arabia and some Third World countries have backed a PLO campaign for observer status at the IMF-World Bank meetings.

The United States has vigorously opposed the move, saying that a PLO presence would turn the meetings into a political arena.

Last August, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait threatened to freeze loans to the World Bank in protest against the U.S. stand. The issue also impeded talks on an increased Saudi contribution to the IMF.

"I think the agreement can be wrapped up in Cairo soon," Mr. Sterner said. He will leave for Cairo either today or tomorrow.

Mr. Sterner said last month Israel and Egypt had reached an agreement on the size of the force and its terms of operation. But Mr. Begin later insisted that the draft accord make clearer that the agreement of both Israel and Egypt were required for any changes in the mandate or functions of the proposed force.

Earlier this month, South Korea established consular relations with Iraq, which is at war with Iran.

In April South Korea denied as groundless a report by the official Iranian news agency Pars that South Korean military advisers had arrived in Baghdad via Saudi Arabia and North Yemen to operate factories run by Western experts.

It said the report seemed to be "one of North Korea's sinister plots to drive a wedge" into South Korea's relations with Iran.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

U.N. forces in Lebanon clash with Israeli force

BEIRUT, July 8 (R) — Irish troops of the United Nations peace-keeping force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) exchanged fire today with an Israeli commando force, U.N. sources reported. The incident occurred as an Israeli commando force tried to penetrate the southern village of Bra'shit, the sources said. They said the dawn clash lasted more than half hour and involved different types of weapons. There was no immediate information of casualties. Last month the Israelis entered the same village and blew up a house but there were no casualties.

Egyptian minister leaves for Latin America

CAIRO, July 8 (R) — Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali left today for Uruguay starting a tour of seven Latin American countries to discuss their possible participation in the multi-national force to police Sinai after Israel withdraws next year. Dr. Ghali said he carried with him messages from President Anwar Sadat to the leaders of Uruguay, Colombia, Venezuela, Guatemala, Argentina, Honduras and Panama. Dr. Ghali had said these countries had expressed readiness to participate in the force.

Saudi Arabia signs causeway agreement

BAHRAIN, July 8 (R) — Saudi Arabia signed an agreement with a Saudi-Dutch consortium today to build a \$600 million causeway linking the island of Bahrain with the mainland. Saudi Arabia is paying all the cost of the steel and concrete 25-kilometre causeway, which will take about five years to build. Saudi Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Mohammed Ali Abal Khalil signed the contract with the president of Ballast-Nedam group, Mr. Philip Diderich, representing the consortium, Bandar-Ballast. Bandar for Trade and Projects Corporation is the Dutch firm's partner in the consortium. Mr. Diderich said the agreement's inflation clause provided for a review of the cost of main building materials half-way through the construction of the project. Under a separate agreement between the Saudi kingdom and Bahrain signed today, a joint independent authority will be set up to maintain and operate the causeway, a chain of five bridges with four traffic lanes and a capacity of nearly 3,000 vehicles an hour.

Death demanded for 15 in Turkey

ANKARA, July 8 (R) — A military prosecutor has demanded the death penalty for 15 Turks accused of involvement in a major drugs smuggling ring uncovered in the western port of Izmir last April, the daily Milliyet newspaper reported today. The prosecutor at Izmir also asked for varying prison sentences for another 25 Turks arrested after the seizure of pure heroin and hashish worth \$5 million on the black market. The drugs were discovered

aboard a freighter scheduled to sail for West European ports, the paper said. The haul, described by the police as one of the largest found in Turkey in recent years, was hidden among the freighter's cargo of hazelnuts, which was to be delivered to Hamburg after stops in Marseilles and Rotterdam. Ten crew members of the freighter "Gaziosmanpasa," run by a subsidiary of the state-owned Maritime Bank, were arrested immediately after the seizure and further investigations led to arrest of the other 30.

Ariel Sharon promises to protect Flatto-Sharon

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 8 (R) — Senior members of the ruling Likud Party have promised former parliamentarian Mr. Shmuel Flatto-Sharon that Israel would reject a French request for his extradition. The English-language Jerusalem Post reported today. Mr. Flatto-Sharon was sentenced in May 1980 by a Paris court in his absence to 10 years in jail for fraud and tax evasion involving \$92 million. Mr. Flatto-Sharon, who emigrated to Israel in 1972, failed to be re-elected to the Knesset (parliament) in last week's election. He managed to get in the 1977 Knesset as an independent after openly campaigning for parliamentary immunity to escape extradition. The Post said Agricultural Minister Ariel Sharon promised Mr. Flatto-Sharon yesterday he would not agree to the extradition of any Jew. He received similar assurances from senior members of prime minister's Likud Party, the report added. A Likud spokesman said he did not know of such assurances. Sources in the justice ministry said it was unlikely Justice Minister Moshe Nissim would deal with the French extradition request, renewed after Mr. Flatto-Sharon lost his parliamentary immunity, until an Israeli court hears Mr. Flatto-Sharon's appeal against a nine-month jail term for vote-buying in the 1977 elections.

Somali guerrillas reject OAU appeal

MOGADISHU, July 8 (R) — The Western Somali Liberation Front (WSLF) said today it would step up its fight against Ethiopian troops in the disputed Ogaden Desert despite an African appeal for peace in the troubled region. WSLF Secretary General Mohammad Ditiye Urdoh told a news conference in Mogadishu his organisation rejected the appeal made at last month's Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit meeting in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi. "The WSLF rejects and strongly condemns... the conduct of the OAU summit, reaffirming to the world that it will not relent in its armed struggle but will escalate it to end Abyssinian (Ethiopian) colonialism," he said. The WSLF has firm Somali support but regular Somali troops are no longer involved in the Ogaden fighting. They were withdrawn after the United States agreed to give Somalia military supplies provided its army stayed out of the conflict. The WSLF said today its forces had knocked out an Ethiopian ammunition transporter outside the town of Werder, 170 kilometres west of the Somali border. It said it had also killed 30 Ethiopian soldiers and destroyed two ammunition stores in a hit-and-run raid on the northern Ogaden village of Bulale last week.

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ECONOMY

Following collapse in share prices

Italy's stock markets closed

ROME, July 8 (R) — The treasury ministry today closed Italy's stock markets for the rest of the week following a collapse in share prices, stockbrokers said.

The collapse, which began last month, was caused by a flood of selling by speculators.

It was the first closure of the markets since Italy's military defeat at Caporetto in 1917 during the First World War, broking sources said.

Trading on the markets was suspended yesterday after some shares fell more than 20 per cent in value.

The index of prices on the Milan exchange, the most important, fell on Monday by four per cent and has dropped 30 per cent since early June.

Speculators were making almost unlimited selling orders, while there was virtually no interest from investors in buying, stockbrokers said.

There was no sign of a recovery of confidence despite an improved political climate following the formation of a new coalition government. The Chairman of the National

Bourse Commission, Guido Rossi, was holding urgent discussions with the treasury and Bank of Italy to decide measures to stabilise the markets when they reopen next week, commission sources said.

The immediate reason for the sharp plunge in prices at the beginning of this week was a decision by the commission on Friday to end a ban imposed in June on forward trading in shares.

This ban required immediate settlement of all deals and prevented normal settlements at the end of the trading month. It reduced trading to a trickle.

The ban was intended to protect investors against a flood of selling, Mr. Rossi said. But its removal allowed a further rush of sales.

The commission introduced new regulations on Friday intended to limit speculation but many investors were apparently not prepared to operate under these new rules, a commission spokesman said.

Share prices rose strongly in the first five months of this year but much of these gains have now been wiped out.

Exchanger halves heating costs



MUNICH (DaD) — In the wake of the oil crisis solar power is by no means alone among alternative energy techniques on trial. The heat exchanger roof unit here seen in a village near Munich and devised by a group of manufacturers in the Federal Republic of Germany is undergoing long-term trials in off-the-peg housing. Even at night it absorbs heat from the atmosphere and feeds it via a network of pipes to a heat pump. The pump uses electric power but heating costs are halved in comparison with conventional heating, the manufacturers claim.

Gold falls below \$400

LONDON, July 8 (R) — The price of gold tumbled below \$400 an ounce on European bullion markets today, its lowest for 18 months as the strong dollar put further selling pressure on the metal.

The gold price dropped fractionally below the \$400 level in Zurich and London soon after the markets opened, but it then moved slightly.

But the price then dropped to 399.25 here. The markets were nervous, with operators uncertain whether it would breach the psychological \$400 barrier decisively.

Gold fell briefly below \$400 in New York earlier this week but has been hovering just above that level since Monday.

The price dropped by \$50 last week and has fallen steadily this year since its January peak of \$599. Last year the average price was \$480 after it reached a record \$875 in January because of Afghanistan's Iranian tensions.

High interest rates on the dollar have been the main reason for gold's decline and dealers say it will take an important political development to change present anti-gold sentiment.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, July 8 (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

One sterling	1.8785/8800	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.2024/26	Canadian dollar
	2.4495/4505	West German mark
	2.7425/75	Dutch guilder
	2.1035/50	Swiss franc
	40.30/50	Belgian franc
	5.8650/8750	French franc
	1224.00/1226.00	Italian lire
	329.20/40	Japanese yen
	5.2045/55	Swedish crown
	6.0990/1010	Norwegian crown
	7.7090/7110	Danish crown
One ounce of gold	398.00/399	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, July 8 (R) — The market closed easier after a session with interest rate factors still affecting market sentiment, dealers said. At 1500, the F.T. index was down 2.8 at 5247. Government bonds fell by up to 3/4 and equity leaders were mixed, such as 8p. Gold shares lost up to three dollars with the offering of gold fix in London below the \$400 level, dealers said.

U.S. and Canadian were steady to mixed in low volume. BP rights issues, dealt in nil paid form for the last time, closed at a premium of 11p compared with 18p yesterday. Shell touched a low of 7p, while the government-owned nil paid offer offered to the public at 29p per unit closed at a premium of 4 1/2p compared with 4 1/2p yesterday.

The rest of the energy sector was also down. Imperial Continental Gas gave up 17p of its 20p rise yesterday and Shell fell 2p to 33p.

Boots, Beecham, GEC, Glaxo and ICI showed falls of 4p to 10p but Tube Investments rose 10p to 142 on short covering, dealers said.

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- (d) External works—roads, sewage treatment plant, surface water treatment, etc.
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2. Prequalification data shall include but not be limited to the following:

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- Any additional information which will demonstrate the degree of qualification of firm for services under consideration.
- The prequalifiers' attention is drawn to the fact that the studios are being designed to the highest international acoustic standards, and there is a high degree of complexity in the installation of the mechanical and electrical services. Evidence is required from the prequalifiers to show their experience in sophisticated mechanical and electrical installations (whether they are to be carried out by the main contractor or by this proposed subcontractor).

3. Prequalification data shall be submitted not later than Monday, August 17, 1981, by 12 noon.

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Congress back to work on Reagan's economic plan

WASHINGTON, July 8 (R) — Congress returns today from a brief recess under intense White House pressure to complete work swiftly on President Reagan's economic revival plan.

Mr. Reagan has demanded that Congress enact the whole far-reaching programme of tax and budget cuts before leaving for its month-long summer break on August 1.

Before the U.S. independence Day holiday, a House of Representatives coalition of Mr. Reagan's Republicans and 29 conservative southern Democrats gave him a resounding victory on the budget portion, approving \$37 billion in cuts in social programmes for next year.

But the president's plan to cut

individual income tax rates across the board over a three-year period has generated sharp controversy.

Democrats have attacked the plan as unfair to poor and middle-income people because it gives more relief to the rich.

The plan has also been criticised by some private economists on the grounds that it might fuel inflation and might not have the desired effect of generating funds for investment in industry.

The Democrats, who still control the House of Representatives, are writing their own two-year tax cut bill and it is expected to be approved by the tax-writing house ways and means committee soon.

The Democratic plan is geared more towards people earning between \$10,000 and \$50,000 a

year, but it and the Reagan plan both give generous tax concessions to businesses.

Mr. Reagan's plan would permit businesses to deduct the cost of plants and equipment faster than under present schedules, and the Democrats would go one step further by cutting corporate tax rates too.

The Republican-controlled Senate is expected to approve a tax bill basically in line with president's proposals, perhaps by the end of next week.

When the Democrats' tax bill reaches the full house in about two weeks, his opponents expect Mr. Reagan to muster his coalition of Republicans and southern Democrats to try to overturn the plan.

A home from home for the 'MacAllsorts'

Three of Scotland's most stately hotels belong to British Rail, of all people. Mark Meredith describes these imposing edifices, in which the private sector will soon be able to invest.

EDINBURGH: It is 6.30 in the morning and you stumble off the overnight sleeper train from London at Edinburgh's Waverley station. Within yards, on the station concourse, is a lift to take you up to breakfast in the North British Hotel.

A steady stream of overnight train passengers make this sleepy pilgrimage daily to revive their spirits in the North British breakfast room with porridge, haddock and tea.

The North British, made of grey stone, squat, with a clock tower and blacked with an industrial age worth of grime, is one of Edinburgh's landmark hotels, along with its sister, the red stone Caledonian Hotel at the other end of Princes Street.

These two hotels and Glenaeles in Tayside, are three of the top Scottish hotels to be partly sold into private ownership by British Transport Hotels.

The North British, sitting on top of the station, caters to tourist parties, although these have been a bit thin lately. The lobby regularly fills up with Americans, from Wisconsin or Arizona, wearing tartan trousers as they rediscover the homeland.

These guests are gently referred to as the "MacAllsorts" by the hotel staff, who seem immune to even the most alarming forms of Scottish dress, donned by U.S. visitors to mark their homecoming.

A British Rail employee is on regular call in the evenings to provide pipe music in full regalia with

the evening meal.

The Caledonian — or "Caley", if you wish to show you are familiar with Edinburgh — is, like the North British, aiming for the four-star guest. It seems just a cut above the North British in luring the businessman or movie star up for the Edinburgh Festival in August. Roy Rogers and Trigger once rode up the main staircase.

The lobby reception area and ballroom have a magnificent set of murals done in the 1950s by two brothers called Nicholson. The ceiling of the front lobby depicts sky and birds.

There is also a landscape in the Versailles Room and a light and airy motif around the main dining hall which have somehow survived the test of time.

Teatime is an obvious high point of the day at the Caley. Scones, tomato sandwiches and tea were being whisked across the blue patterned carpet to blue plush chairs and blue rinse lady

citizens exchanging news.

The 210-bed hotel also caters to the non-Scottish guest anxious for a taste of Scotland. The Laird Lounge specialised in selling every make of scotch until demand for the drink started to wilt over the past year. Other alien drinks have been added to the bar.

A Scottish evening in the restaurant will definitely include haggis.

The Caledonian has, like its sister, a link with the railways. All the trains to Glasgow used to leave

from what is now the hotel car park. Remnants of the Victorian station ironwork architecture can still be seen, and the station ticket office has been turned into a coffee shop which is full every lunch time.

The vast, chateau-like structure of Glenaeles must be one of the world's more spectacular and sumptuous 19th holes. It is a five star hotel with 209 bedrooms, and a bank in the lobby, perhaps for winners of the golf championships played on the King's or Queen's

U.S. banks raise prime rates

NEW YORK, July 8 (R) — Most big U.S. banks raised their prime lending rates to 20.5 per cent from 20 per cent today, following the lead given last Thursday by Chase Manhattan Bank and First National of Chicago.

The move results from the higher costs of acquiring funds in the money market and was a further confirmation that a decline in U.S. interest rates is still some way off.

The high level of U.S. rates, now only one percentage point below the record of last Dec-

ember, is continuing to strengthen the dollar on world money markets, causing anxiety in other countries whose import costs are rising sharply.

Among the 10 largest U.S. banks, Citibank, Manufacturers Hanover Trust, Morgan Guaranty Trust, Chemical Bank, Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust in Chicago, and Bankers Trust posted the half-percentage-point increase today, effective immediately. Several regional banks took the same action.

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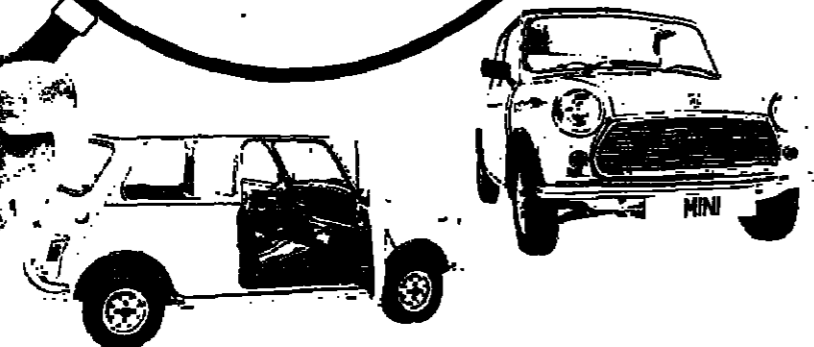
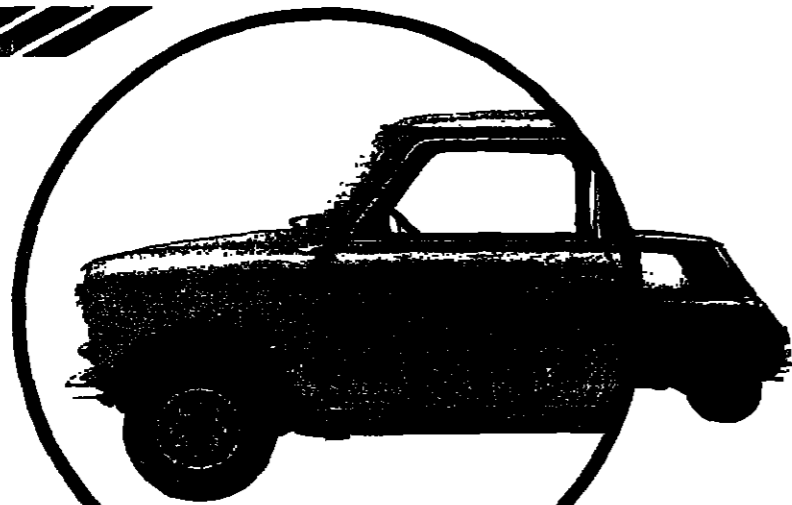
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IFA O.K.'s promotion



AMMAN, July 8 (J.T.) — The Jordan Football Association (JFA) held a meeting yesterday under the chairmanship of the Minister of Youth and Culture Mr. Ma'an Abu Nowar to discuss the issue of advertisement in sport.

It was decided to allow the promotion of commercial goods on shirts worn by players. The rules and regulations will be adopted from FIFA's rules on promotion. These include the size, the prohibition of alcohol and cigarettes etc.

The JFA decided that the incoming revenue from advertisement will go directly to the clubs for improving the standards of soccer and not to the individual players since they are not professionals.

arts—a familiar scene in Jordanian soccer, soon to be introduced in Jordan

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JULY 9, 1981

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Engage in small duties that need your attention and forget bigger ventures for the time being. Try to help associates more.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Doing thoughtful things for good friends will be appreciated and will strengthen an alliance. Strive for happiness.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Attend to public duties early so you don't lose out in an important business deal. Beware clear of a troublemaker.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Be sure to include the minute details of a new plan you have in mind. Don't neglect important research.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Deal fairly with debtors and editors and excellent results will follow. Make sure everything is in order at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You would be wise to carry rough with your end of any agreement made with hers. Engage in your favorite hobby.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take time to make your environment more charming so you will feel happier. The timing is fine for entertaining friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A good day to correct errors you have made in the past. Show the depth of your affection to the one you love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make sure you don't lose your temper with an associate or there could be unfortunate results. Use common sense.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Make sure you work carefully so that you don't make errors at work today. It's important to use caution in travel today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be alert in the handling of finances now, otherwise you could make costly errors. Spending less and saving more is wise.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Don't broadcast personal news to others at this time. Avoid the source of your discontent and express happiness.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... He or she will want to argue with others and should be taught early to conserve energy for more constructive activities. However, your progeny could get into needless trouble. Use a fine chart for the field of engineering.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1981

GENERAL TENDENCIES: There could be some unpleasant opposition by those who are unable to control their temper today. Keep in mind that a conciliatory attitude can prevent rows at this time.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get a good hold on your motions today or they could lead you astray and cause trouble. Use caution in motion.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A friend is in a strange mood today and could prove most trying to you, but keep cool and this will pass. Relax tonight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Any public duties you owe should be handled without delay. Don't neglect to say your bills. Avoid a troublemaker.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You have new news on how to expand right now, but proceed with caution for best results. Be poised.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Attend to routine duties early in the day so you'll have time for more important things later. Make the evening a happy one.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) An associate could be in a bad mood so control your temper and avoid an argument. Establish better relations later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Be more alert to opportunities coming your way now. Take a more optimistic outlook on life. Show others you have wisdom.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Find new ways to put our creative talents to work. Strive to make life more satisfying. Take health treatments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If you control your temper at home today, harmony can be restored. Not a good time to engage in outside activities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Don't labor under any miscalculations or unpleasant results could follow. Obtain the data you need from the right place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Plan to save more money instead of spending it foolishly. Take time for thinking and planning about the future.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You may want to have a showdown with one you think has done you an injustice, but wait for a better time when tempers cool.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... He or she may have to struggle to get ahead in life. Teach to be less ungracious and to be more willing to work for what is desired, and to consider the feelings of others. Stress sportsmanship and honesty in your teachings.

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Sleepy French win the eighth match of tour

DUBBO, Australia, July 8 (A.P.) — France laboured unimpressively for a 13-12 victory over New South Wales country in the eighth match of their rugby union tour of Australia this morning.

The team under the captaincy of Robert Paparemborde in the absence of the still-injured Jean Pierre Rives started the game well enough. Marc Sallefranque — the only star of the day — put France up in the second minute with a drop goal.

And in the 14th minute he went forward aided by Jean-Luc Avevous for a classic try. Serge Gabernet increased the lead still further in the 20 minute with a drop goal but there the French momentum ran out of steam.

After going in at half time with a score of 10-3 the sleepy French were dominated by the Australians in the second half and failed to make use of the balls captured by Carpentier, Lorieux and Erhani.

New South Wales notched up three penalty kicks and one drop kick through Pratten and only a penalty kick by Sallefranque in the second half enabled France to run out somewhat undeserving winners.

An encouraging feature of the game was the successful return of Pierre Lacans after injury. But the condition of Jean-Pierre Rives is still giving cause for concern and he may well be unavailable for the second test on Saturday at Sydney. The French lost the first test at Brisbane 17-15 last Sunday.

Holland and Mexico win opening games

LISBOA, Portugal, July 8 (R) — The Netherlands and Mexico each won one of the opening singles of the decisive zone 'D' first round qualifying match of the Galea tennis cup for men's under 21 teams last night.

Tennis Talk

The 'stale' period

By Maureen Stalla

Everyone who plays tennis experiences the inevitable bad day. Usually there is a reasonable explanation for the bad day — you don't feel well, you are tired, distracted, depressed, out of practice, or just not in the mood.

But tennis players often have bad days for no apparent reason. They feel great and can't wait to hit the courts when they find to their surprise and dismay that they can't hit a ball in the court.

The forehead approach shot which was deadly accurate yesterday is hitting the referee today. The best players suffer from bad days.

The difference is that the good players don't let a bad day stop them from winning. You must acknowledge the situation and play intelligently within your temporary limitations. Hit softer balls, play conservatively and don't aim for the lines when your timing is off.

Use a bad day to practice a new stroke or a faulty old one. Don't let a bad day get you down. Tell yourself that for every bad day you will have an equally great one.

A slump is a different problem. If you lack enthusiasm and victories consistently over a two or three week period, you are in a tennis slump, often called 'stale'. This means you are over-tennised and need to take time off from the courts.

Two weeks to a month off ought to be enough to restore the old spark. If you are in a slump before a tournament, time off is out of the question and we must apply different tactics.

First of all, play with different people. Play on different courts. Practice with more drills and less sets. Take a tennis lesson. Buy a new outfit or racket, or even a can of brand new balls. The idea is to gain a fresh approach.

Tennis is full of its good days, bad days, great days, slumps and plateaus. It is this difficulty and complexity — the mental and the physical factors which make tennis so addicting.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN
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North-South vulnerable.

North deals.

NORTH

♠ A J 10 2

♥ A Q

♦ K 9 7 5

♣ A J 7

WEST

♠ 5

♥ 8 7 5 3

♦ Q J 8 4

♣ 9 8 6 4

EAST

♠ K 3

♥ K J 9 6 2

♦ 10 6

♣ Q 10 5 3

SOUTH

♠ K Q 9 8 7 6

♥ 10 4

♦ A 3 2

♣ K 2

The bidding:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass

6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♣.

South combined all his chances to bring home a difficult slam on this hand from a recent team match.

After North showed a powerful, balanced hand with his jump to four spades, South was fully justified in making a move toward slam.

The sensible approach was a diamond cue-bid, and North, with first-round controls in the other suits, needed no further encouragement to bid the slam. Perhaps a contract of six no trump might have been a better choice in view of his heart and club tenaces.

West elected to lead a club — a heart would have given declarer no practical chance. Since the lead made it unlikely that West held the queen, declarer wisely did not attempt the "free" finesse — he had other ideas for dummy's jack of clubs. Declarer won in his hand, drew trumps in two rounds and cashed the ace and king of diamonds. Then came the ace of clubs, followed by the jack.

West produced the queen of clubs, but declarer did not ruff. Instead, he discarded his remaining diamond. That was a good play, for if diamonds were 8-3, declarer would be able to set up dummy's long diamond by ruffing a diamond, and the heart finesse would no longer be needed.

The diamonds did not break evenly, but South's fine technique was rewarded in another way. When East was left on lead with the third club, he was ensnared in an end play. Since East had been stripped of diamonds, he was faced with unpleasant alternatives. A club lead would permit declarer to discard a heart loser from one hand while ruffing in the other; and to lead a heart was tantamount to surrendering the contract, for it would be into dummy's ace-queen.

Whichever line East chose was suicide. Declarer made his slam with the loss of only a club trick!

Emergency meeting for FIDE

AMSTERDAM, July 8 (R) — The executive council of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) will discuss controversy over the world chess final at an extraordinary meeting on July 21 in Atlanta, Georgia, a FIDE spokesman said today.

Clarifying a statement made yesterday, Secretary General Ineke Bakker said there was no time to fulfil a Soviet Chess Federation call for a council meeting before delegates arrived in Atlanta for FIDE's general assembly beginning July 29.

But preliminary meetings before the assembly would mean all 10 members of the council would probably be there for July 21.

The council would review a decision by FIDE president Fredrik Olafsson postponing the world final between Soviet title-holder Anatoly Karpov and Russian emigre Viktor Korchnoi, she said.

Only FIDE's general assembly could overturn Mr. Olafsson's decision as the executive council was purely advisory. Mrs. Bakker added.

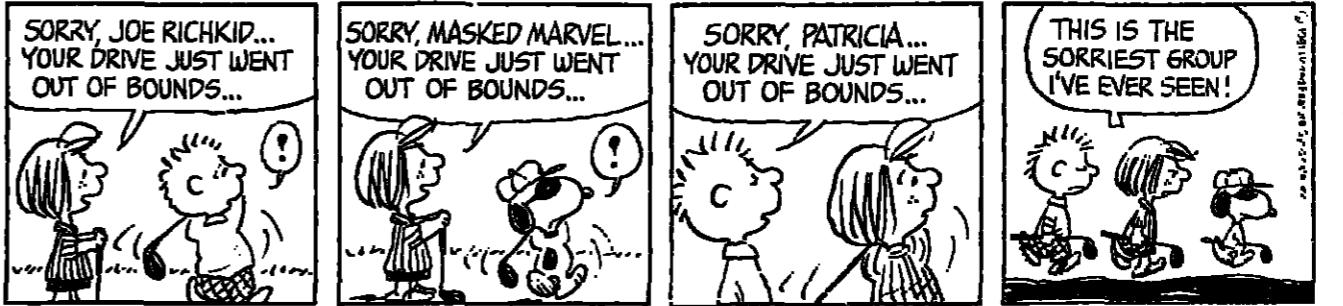
McEnroe's fines to be discussed by MIVTC

GSTAAD, Switzerland, July 8 (R) — John McEnroe's Wimbledon fines may be discussed by the Men's International Professional Tennis Council (MIVTC) before its next scheduled meeting in Angles in September.

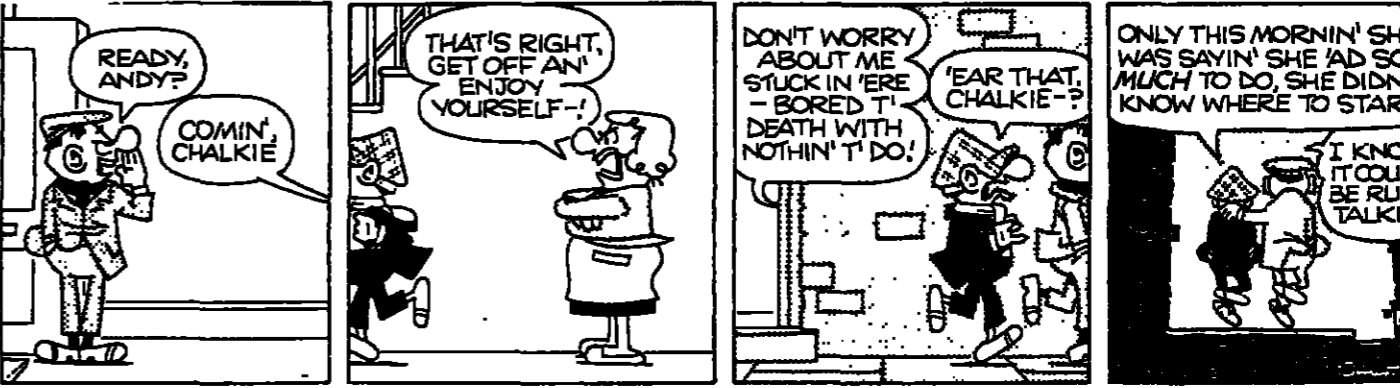
Philippe Chatrier, French president of the International Tennis Federation (ITF), said here today that an extraordinary meeting of the MIVTC may be held on which the All England Club report title winner McEnroe could be among matters discussed.

McEnroe was fined \$1,500 for "unsportsmanlike behaviour" in a first singles match of the championship followed by a further \$7,500 penalty for "verbal abuse" of a linesman in a doubles clash. There was also a recommendation that McEnroe should be fined an additional \$2,500 for the second incident.

Peanuts



Andy Capp



Mutt 'n' Jeff



THE BETTER HALF. By Vinson



JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

STYTE
MYTIA
TINNEY
BEJOCT

Listen carefully — my advice doesn't come cheap

WHAT YOU HAVE TO PAY TO GET THE MOST OUT OF WHAT YOU'RE TOLD.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: COLIC HUMAN FLAGON FROTHY
Answer: What a trip on a magic carpet undoubtedly is — A FLIGHT OF FANCY

THE Daily Crossword by Alfio Micol

ACROSS

1 Chess word

5 Scottish nobleman

10 Thomas or Asa

14 Army group

15 Peep show

16 Corcor

17 National League player

20 Toolbox

21 Salamanders

22 Loosen

23 Associate

24 Support

26 Orbital point

29 Like — of bricks

30 Tax agency.

33 Storm fabric

34 Synthetic

35 Policeman

36 Tropical avifauna

40 " — Alone"

41 Architectural piers

42 Check

43 Legal point

44 Nourish

45 Split the cost

46 Burns.

47 Farm sight

48 Displeas

52 Throb

53 Cumberland or generation

56 American League player

58 Unearth person

60 Andy's sidekick

61 Maine college town

62 Partner of profit

63 Moist

64 Bath item

65 Granny, for one

DOWN

1 Perfume base

2 Opposed

3 Pinball machine

4 DBE's command

5 Small matter

6 Rash

7 Rainbows

8 Teachers' org.

9 Ending for mascot or chart

10 Flash

11 Weakest of the litter

12 Jal —

13 Christmas

18 River of Africa

19 Chaperone

23 On in years

24 Gazetteer

25 Uncouth person

26 Ann —

27 Colonial patriot

28 Monsters

29 Hero of Hungary

30 Less cordial

31 "Sweet O'Grady"

32 Use up

34 Frequently

37 Hunting expedition

38 Unusual bloke

39 Mild oath

45 Instruct

46 Garden worker

47 Palmer or Ross

48 Public display

49 "The Story of — Boy"

50 Dub

51 Shine

52 Lined up

53 Hoodlum

54 In addition

55 Nuisance

57 Witty remark

58 Gold Sp.

59 Sort

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14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59

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WORLD

Youth killed in violence - Over McDonnell's death

BELFAST, July 8 (R) — One person was killed today as new street violence broke out in Northern Ireland hours after the death of Republican hunger striker Joe McDonnell. The British army said a masked youth was shot dead by a soldier while attacking troops with petrol bombs.

Three people were injured in a bomb blast and army and police installations were attacked with gas and petrol bombs. McDonnell, the fifth guerrilla to die in the hunger campaign, died early this morning on the 61st day of his strike. Rioting swiftly erupted in several Catholic areas of Belfast and packed vehicles were set ablaze. A policeman and two soldiers

were injured in the bomb explosion. Members of the Roman Catholic Commission for Peace and Justice had met British officials repeatedly in an effort to negotiate an end to the Republican fast before McDonnell, 30, died. Commission members would not say today whether their mediation was continuing. But prospects looked bleak for an early

end to the hunger campaign, launched by Republican prisoners in an effort to gain political status. A British official read to the seven remaining hunger strikers at the Maze prison near Belfast a statement by Northern Ireland Secretary Humphrey Atkins that no concessions would be considered unless the fast was abandoned. In what commentators said may have been a conciliatory gesture, he added that there was scope for further development "but not under duress." Mr. McDonnell, who was serving a 14-year sentence, started his fast on May 9 as a replacement for Mr. Bobby Sands, the first hunger striker to die. He had been arrested with Mr. Sands in 1976 after a firebomb attack

Toxteth is quiet but riots start in London suburb, Manchester

LONDON, July 8 (R) — Hundreds of youths, black and white, engaged through a busy North London suburb last night, looting shops and pelting police with bottles, bricks and chunks of concrete. Trouble flared in the multi-racial suburb of Wood Green after a night of rioting in the north-western city of Liverpool and heated street battles involving blacks and whites in Southall, west London, on Friday. One man had his throat cut and another was stabbed during running battles in Wood Green, police said. Unlike the Liverpool riots, where nearly 250 policemen were injured, there were no reports of police casualties but officers said a number of civilians were slightly hurt.

The area was calm. Police sealed off the main street of Wood Green as gangs of youths battered their way into shops. The fighting began after a crowd of about 300 blacks confronted police outside a tube station. Police said some 500 blacks were involved at the height of the clashes and white youths later joined in the shop looting. In Liverpool, where rioting devastated entire streets in the district of Toxteth, police dispersed about 300 mainly white teenagers who gathered in the area last night. Toxteth, where most of the once-thriving port's 20,000 blacks live, was still tense and some 2,000 police stood by during the night to quell any further outbreaks of violence.

Earlier, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told parliament the Toxteth riots were the worst seen on the British mainland. She said a government inquiry into the causes of riots in April in the predominantly black district of Brixton, in South London, would probably be extended to Liverpool. Many politicians, church and community leaders said unemployment, now running around 40 per cent in Toxteth, was a root

About 40 shops were damaged and looted. Police reinforcements were sent in and at one stage officers were issued with riot shields when they were attacked with a hail of missiles. More than 20 people were arrested. The violence began late in the evening with what one woman resident described as "almost armie precision." But about three hours later, police said the youngsters had been dispersed and

Hundreds die in India's worst liquor tragedy

NEW DELHI, July 8 (R) — The death toll in India's worst liquor tragedy mounted to 201 today as people were still being brought to hospitals in Bangalore, a city of southern state of Karnataka, a government leader said. State Chief Minister Gundu Rao, who gave the latest count of a dead, said a death was being reported every five minutes. He said a high court judge would soon be named to hold an inquiry into the illicit liquor racket in the city. The Press Trust of India (PTI) said at least 100 people were fighting for their lives in one hospital and there were more in two other hospitals. In the northern Bihar state

more than 150 miners died after drinking a similar killer brew in 1978. PTI said distraught relatives crowded the three hospitals in Bangalore where the victims were being brought in every few minutes. The news agency said the toll so far included only those who had died in hospitals and did not count a few others who died at home or elsewhere. Police said nearly 50 people had been arrested for selling the poisonous liquor, which was apparently sold and consumed on Monday night, although the victims began arriving in hospitals yesterday when it began to take effect.

Reagan's controversial choice for supreme court

WASHINGTON, July 8 (R) — President Reagan has fulfilled an election pledge by nominating a woman to serve on the supreme court but his choice may strain the loyalties of his most ardent supporters. Mr. Reagan will nominate Arizona judge Sandra O'Connor as the first woman justice in the court's history filling the vacancy left by the retirement of Justice Potter Stewart. "But after the president's televised announcement yesterday anti-abortion groups vowed to oppose senate confirmation of Mrs. O'Connor because they said she supported abortion while a member of the Arizona senate. President Reagan is opposed to abortion and his political constituency has traditionally included the so-called right-to-life groups. Asked about Mrs. O'Connor's stand on the volatile issue, he said: "I'm completely satisfied on her right-to-life position."

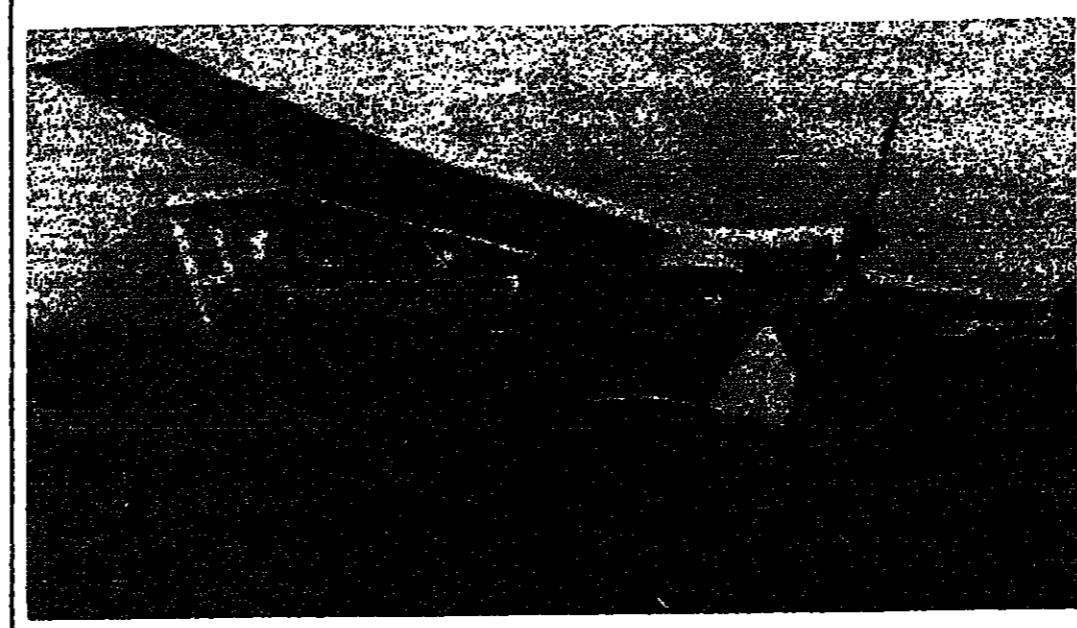
He was supported by several senators including Mr. Orrin Hatch, a conservative Utah Republican and member of the judiciary committee which will examine Mrs. O'Connor's credentials. Sen. Hatch, an outspoken opponent of abortion, said President Reagan was convinced Mrs. O'Connor was opposed to abortion and will act so on the court. "That's good enough for me," he said. "But Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, another prominent conservative Republican, said his office had been flooded with calls and letters, mostly from pro-life groups. Dr. John Wilke, president of the leading anti-abortion group the National Right to Life Committee, told reporters the proposed nomination "is simply one that we cannot tolerate". Dr. Wilke said he believed there would be "quite a few" Senate votes supporting the anti-abortion position although he stopped short of saying the nomination could be blocked. In its case against the 51-year-old judge, Dr. Wilke's organization said Mrs. O'Connor had voted for an Arizona Senate bill to legalize abortion, for a bill to provide family planning information to minors, against a call for a national "human life" amendment and against a bill barring abortions at the University of Arizona.

Hua replaced as foreign minister due to bad health

PEKING, July 8 (R) — Deputy Chinese Foreign Minister Han Nianlong was officially named as acting foreign minister today in place of Vice-Premier Huang Hua. The New China news agency said Mr. Han left for New York today at the head of a delegation to attend the international conference on Kampuchea in New York starting on July 13. It did not mention why Mr. Han had taken over from Vice-Premier Huang, but diplomatic sources said Mr. Huang had recently been in poor health. The sources said Mr. Huang, about 67, had a recurring bladder infection. He spent a period in hospital undergoing treatment in May. He returned from official visits to India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives last Sunday and diplomats who met him on his return said he appeared then to be fairly fit. However the Indian government was asked to keep his schedule as light as possible in view of his poor health. Mr. Huang had been expected to head the Chinese delegation to the Kampuchea conference.

Chinese emigres Meanwhile, China's new Communist Party Chairman Hu Yaobang called today for an end to discrimination against Chinese emigres who return home. The People's Daily published a letter to Mr. Hu by a returned emigre who complained that a recently-revised government policy towards returned overseas Chinese was not being properly implemented. Mr. Lin Qingyun, a returned emigre working in Canton, wrote that overseas Chinese were being discriminated against by staff departments which considered them as tainted with "foreign connection". They were often barred from promotion or entry into the Communist Party for this, he said. In a separate commentary, the official newspaper said Chairman Hu agreed with the letter. He was quoted as saying the discrimination was due to pernicious leftist influences and called on officials to struggle against such tendencies. Tens of thousands of Chinese emigres have returned home since the Communist takeover 32 years ago. Many were persecuted in Mao Tse-tung's Cultural Revolution from 1966-76. Some were branded as foreign spies and emigrated again. The commentary said overseas Chinese should be promoted to responsible positions if they were qualified and should be given special treatment where necessary.

Solar Challenger flies across the Channel



MANSTON, FENT, England — Solar Challenger, an American built sun-powered aircraft, piloted by American Stephen Paček, is today to land at Manston Royal Air Force base Tuesday after successfully completing the first crossing of the English Channel by the solar plane. The plane which took off from Cornelles in France was in the air for five and a half hours before making its landing at Manston. (A.P. Wirephoto)

Polish dockers carry out threat

WARSAW, July 8 (R) — Polish dockers halted work on at least 60 ships in Baltic ports for one hour today in the country's first big strike for three months. The stoppage by 46,000 workers in ports from Szczecin in the west to Gdansk in the east coincided with warnings that industrial protests could jeopardize next week's national Communist Party congress. The dockers' action was in protest against what they said was government failure to keep a pledge to grant a port workers' charter on conditions and rights by July 1. The token stoppage by port workers took place after last minute peace talks between a Solidarity delegation and the new minister of maritime economy broke down in the early morning. PAP said the talks ended in fiasco and added that the government could not give port workers more rights than those granted to miners, shipyard workers and others. Solidarity published an opinion poll today in which more than a third of those questioned said they did not believe next week's party congress would result in any major changes. The congress will be meeting to consider the new political realities in Poland brought about by last summer's worker revolt and the liberal reforms which followed it. The Solidarity poll found 32 per cent of the respondents expected changes for the better at the congress, against the 37 per cent who did not. The ruling party, under pressure from Moscow, has shown increasing signs in recent weeks of a swing away from extreme reformism. Official Polish sources said a new spiral of industrial unrest could have damaging repercussions at the emergency party congress scheduled to begin next Tuesday, possibly encouraging hardliners to question the viability of the policy of dialogue. It was staged with the full sup-

port of Solidarity free trade union leader Lech Walesa and occurred as employees of the national airline LOT debated whether to go ahead with a four-hour strike tomorrow. Spokesmen for the small autonomous trade union movement were quoted today as saying that tomorrow's threatened national airline strike could provoke Warsaw Pact Military intervention. Their warning was published by the Solidarity Warsaw news bulletin, which countered: "The notion that a four-hour airline strike could provoke intervention is an insult to our allies and common sense." The official news agency PAP also quoted the autonomous union as saying that a strike by LOT, which would ground dom-

estic flights and delay Polish and foreign international flights, could have "consequences opposite to those intended." LOT employees have threatened to strike in protest against the government's refusal to recognize the election of a general manager by a workers' council. The government says it cannot recognize the worker-elected general manager, Mr. Bronislaw Klimaszewski, because it is part of the country's defence establishment and must be subject to central control. "We will do everything to avert the strike and are prepared to listen to all constructive proposals," a spokesman for the airline worker's council said. "But for the moment we will settle for nothing less than our nomination."

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Mujahideen capture important town

NEW DELHI, July 8 (R) — Anti-government rebels have captured the important town of Gulbaha, north of Kabul, and appear to control much of the countryside in Kabul and Parwan provinces, Western diplomatic sources said today. Gulbaha's bazaar area was destroyed when rebels wrested the town from the control of government forces last week and there were may casualties, the sources said. Western and other diplomatic sources said that fighting was continuing in Parwan province, which takes in Gulbaha. The rebels appeared to take control of Parwan's capital Charikar each afternoon, they said. At least four Afghan soldiers were reported killed last Wednesday when rebels destroyed a restaurant used by Soviet troops and officials of the ruling People's Democratic Party near Karga dam, west of Kabul. The president of the Afghan trade union council has meanwhile asked leading industrial companies in Kabul to prepare lists of workers categorising them according to their politics. Mr. Abdus Sattar Furdell, according to the sources, told a recent meeting of managers and directors that openly anti-government workers should be replaced and sent to similar jobs in the provinces.

Mrs. Peron to fly to Madrid

BUENOS AIRES, July 8 (R) — Former Argentine president Maria Estela Peron has received official clearance to leave the country and is expected to fly to Spain tomorrow. Mrs. Peron, released yesterday after more than five years under arrest, was given authorisation by a federal judge last night to go to Spain, where she has a villa near Madrid. The court ruling said Mrs. Peron could "travel to the Kingdom of Spain for a period of three months as of today." Airline sources said a seat had been booked for Mrs. Peron on a Spanish Iberia airlines flight to Madrid tomorrow. Mrs. Peron's attorneys said she wished to travel to Spain temporarily to rest, court sources said. The terms of her release on parole allow her to leave the country only temporarily and with the court's permission.

China calls for unity in S. Asia

PEKING, July 8 (R) — China called on the countries of South Asia today to unite in face of what it called the Soviet threat and said the region had become increasingly unstable because of superpower rivalry. The Communist Party newspaper People's Daily said Chinese and South Asian leaders shared broadly similar views in this respect and urged the countries to "unite more closely to cope with the common peril." The paper said in a commentary that recent visits by Premier Zhao Ziyang to Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh and by Foreign Minister Huang Hua to India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives had achieved positive results.

THE Weekend Crossword. Includes crossword puzzle grid, word lists (ACROSS, DOWN, Diagramless), and cryptograms. The crossword puzzle is a 15x15 grid with various words to be filled in. The word lists provide clues for each letter position. Cryptograms include a list of words to be deciphered from a grid of letters.

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